

Greetings to all members from the new Committee and from myself, Maria. At the recent AGM we elected a full committee whose names appear below. Feel free to contact us on any matter relevant to the Club, or any ideas you may have in which we can better serve the Club's interests. We would like to express our thanks to the previous Committee for their work during the year, and to Mr Wall who was the editor of The Tasmanian Naturalist.

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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

MAY. Thursday, May 5. We will be visiting the Antarctic Base at Kingston. Meet at 7.30 (not 8) at the Antarctic Base itself.

Saturday, May 7. Trip to the Molesworth Environment Centre with Nel Smit. Meet at Prince Theatre at 10 am.

JUNE. Thursday, June 2. Speaker to be advised.

Saturday, June 4. Outing to the intertidal zone in the Blackmans Bay, Tinderbox area, led by Mrs E. Turner of the Tas Museum. Meet at 9 am outside the Prince Theatre to catch the tide. Bring suitable footwear and collecting containers.

JULY. Thursday, July 7. Dr David Thomas will speak on plankton, diatoms etc.

Saturday, July 9. Outing to the Bowen Park Pyramids. This will cost \$1.00 adults and 50c children or pensioners. Afterwards we will be going to Droughty Point.

THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB holds its meetings on the first Thursday of every month except January in St James Hall, Rupert St, New Town at 8 pm. Outings are held the following weekend. Meet at 10 am outside Prince Theatre unless otherwise notified.

RECEIPTS. Any member who wishes a receipt for their subscription may obtain it from the Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBER. We are very happy to include in our Life Members Register a very long standing and capable member, Mr Alan Hewer. Congratulations to Alan. He now joins our other Life Members, Mr LE Wall, Mr MSR Sharland, Miss ML Westbrook, Mr HK Aves, Mrs J Luckman and Mr HF Sargison.

FINANCIAL REPORT. The current financial report is included as a Supplement to this quarter's Tasmanian Naturalist. Copies of last year's financial report are available at the May and June meetings for comparison with the current report.

ARE YOU FINANCIAL? If you are not, a green cross will appear on the back of your wrapper, and this will be the last Bulletin you will receive unless you forward your money to the Treasurer.

WOOD WASTE. The monthly meeting of the Royal Society of Tasmania at 8pm on Tuesday, 3rd May, will be debating the question of Wood Waste, led by a Forestry Commission officer and the President of the Tasmanian Conservation Trust. TFNC members are invited to attend this meeting, to be held in the Society's room at the Tasmanian Museum, 5 Argyle St.

THE TASMANIAN NATURALIST...EDITOR. This position is still vacant. Mr Wall has very kindly edited this edition, but it is most urgent that an editor be found before the next issue is due to be printed. Please consider whether you could help to keep this important magazine running for the Club, and for Tasmania.

OUTINGS. The February and March outings are both covered in the Tasmanian Naturalist. In April, 10 members went to Oyster Cove to look at Aboriginal Middens and a quarry site of silcrete from which tools were made. The site was scattered with fragments of implements. In the car park area we also observed the remnants of ruins of the Penal Station which was so notorious in the history of the demise of the Tasmanian Aborigines.

Among specimens of natural history observed were the eelgrass, Salicornia, on the foreshore together with live specimens of the air breathing shell, Salinator fragilis; numerous crabs including soldier crabs, a mantis cocoon, five quail, and the President's wombat, who followed us like a little dog. Members also heard the calls of a fairy penguin and observed some very unusual introduced weeds in the ruins section which we were unable to identify.

NEW MEMBERS. Recently we acquired two new members. They are Mr Martin Stolp, 11/64 Derwentwater Ave, and Miss H Davidson, 3/676 Sandy Bay Rd. Welcome to these two people and we hope you will have a long and enjoyable membership with the Club.

TRANSPORT. Transport will be provided to Club functions to those who need it. Please contact a Committee member. This applies especially to the May meeting (note again the different time & place for the May meeting).

The Committee hope to see you there on the 5th!